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1. [ ] Mr. Stuart French, ISA, Department of Defense, called to be sure we were aware of Senator Symington's plans to travel to Southeast Asia during the Christmas holidays and offered us a copy of the DOD message to the field on the Senator's trip. I told French we were aware of the Senator's travel plans but we would appreciate the copy of their cable, which he later LDXd to us.

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2. [ ] Called Homer Krout, Administrative Assistant to Representative Joel T. Broyhill (R., Va.), to advise him we had received the Congressman's letter written on behalf of the Langley Soccer Club, that we were pulling the facts together, and would have an answer for him early next week. Krout said this would be fine.

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3. [ ] Left with David Martin, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, a copy of an article which appeared in The Current, of Bombay, on 13 November 1971 entitled "Lumumba University-- A Perfect Cover for Training Hard-core Subversives." I suggested to Martin that this might be inserted in the Congressional Record or, at a minimum, included in his compendium on Soviet activities.

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5. [ ] Met with Mr. Art Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senator Foreign Relations Committee, who told me that the itinerary for Senator and Mrs. Symington's around-the-world trip is very much up in the air. He does not know whether Cambodia or South Vietnam will be included or whether the Senator will proceed from Bangkok to New Dehli. I told him that we could make arrangements for briefing on Cambodia and Vietnam [ ] if it would be of help.

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6. [ ] In response to her call, I talked to Judith Spahr, Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations staff, concerning a document in French needed for Tuesday and suggested that, if possible, the document be given to the Library of Congress for translation. I explained to Miss Spahr that we have been pleased to assist Senator Jackson, Chairman of the Subcommittee, on translations for his use but that it is difficult for us to provide routine translation service for their office. Miss Spahr thanked me for the call and said she would request the Library's assistance.

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7. [ ] Met with Mr. Roger Lewis, Administrative Assistant to Representative Morris Udall (D., Ariz.), and returned a personal letter from the Representative that had been misaddressed to the Agency's Personnel Post Office box. Mr. Lewis was most appreciative.

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8. [ ] Met briefly with Messrs. Jim Lowenstein and Richard Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who told me that their travel plans for the forthcoming trip to the Far East do not include Cambodia or Vietnam at this time. They will depart Washington on 6 January through Europe arriving in Bangkok on 10 or 11 January. They will be in Bangkok three weeks returning through Honolulu on 30 or 31 January. Any travel to Cambodia or Vietnam would be subject to later direction from Washington.

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9. [ ] Met with Mr. John Martiny, Chief Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that meetings of the full Committee have been cancelled for the remainder of the year. He told me that as near as he knew the Ervin bill, S. 1438, had not yet been assigned to the Committee from the Speaker's office and noted that all previous bills in this area during this session of Congress have been routinely assigned to the Post Office Committee.

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10. [redacted] Talked to Mr. Ernest Kerley, Assistant Legal Advisor, Department of State, and later with Mr. Fabian Kwiatek, Assistant Legal Advisor for Claims, concerning a request to this Agency from Senator Spong (D., Va.) for information concerning the claim of [redacted] concerning the steamship "Springfjord" that was destroyed by bombing in San Jose Harbor, Guatemala on 27 June 1954. Mr. Kwiatek will review the Department's file and call me the middle of the week. We will then arrange to meet with Mr. Thad Murray, Executive Assistant to Senator Spong. Mr. Houston, General Counsel, has been advised.

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11. [redacted] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and learned that the conferees on the supplemental appropriations bill disagreed on the Senate amendment to provide [redacted] for [redacted] The conferees [redacted] agreed to reduce the amount to [redacted] for FY 1972. [redacted] have been advised.

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